Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: In answer to part (*d*), it has been stated that Government are considering the question of housing these courts in suitable buildings. I am asking whether Government will bear this factor also in mind.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Government will bear that in mind.

Roads in the Vazhuthacaud Ela to the south of the Observatory Hill.

4. ***Mr. V. Sankara Menon** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are any paddy fields in this area now and whether all of them have not long since been converted into cocoanut gardens and house sites;

(*b*) whether this locality is now thickly inhabited mostly by poor people living in huts, that the place gets water-logged during rainy seasons and that its general condition is one of insanitation;

(*c*) whether there are any roads in this area and that, in spite of their absence, there is a good deal of pedestrian traffic across the locality especially after the opening of the new Public Offices to the west of the Observatory Hill;

(*d*) whether the inhabitants of Vazhuthacaud have submitted petitions to Government praying for the removal of the unsatisfactory condition of this locality situated in about the centre of the town and so close to the public institutions;

(*e*) whether the petitioners have also urged the imminent necessity of opening two roads to cross each other in this area for the benefit of the people who have to go to the new Public Offices, the Museum and the other public institutions, and what action has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(*f*) whether this area has been included in the Town Planning Scheme and what steps have been taken by Government towards the improvement of the locality in furtherance of the scheme?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes. All the fields in this area have not been converted into cocoanut gardens and house sites.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No, except the drainage roads recently formed but there is considerable pedestrian traffic.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. An estimate for a road from Vazhuthacaud Timber Depot to Public Library is under scrutiny in the Chief Engineer's Office.

(*f*) Yes. The question of opening a road in the area is under consideration.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: In answer to part (*f*), Government say that the question of opening a road in this area is under

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consideration. Do not the Government feel that the place is insanitary and therefore early steps should be taken to remove the insanitary condition ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: That is why steps have now been taken.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether there is any idea of filling up the Thampanoor Ela ?

Mr I. C. Chacko: There is no such proposal under consideration now.

Four anna nickel coins as legal tender.

5. **Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have instructed any department not to accept four anna nickel coins as legal tender and if so the reason therefor ?

Mr. R. Rama Varier: (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the duties of the Financial Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

Statement, by caste, of the people who bid in auction lands from Mannankandam of the Kothamangalam pakuthi.

6. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the people who bid in auction and got assigned lands from Mannankandam of the Kothamangalam pakuthi in the Muvattupuzha taluk ?

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar: A statement as required by the member is laid on the table.

Determination of thadivila in puduval cases.

7. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, in puduval cases, thadivila is determined by examining the stumps of trees only ; and

(*b*) if so the standard by which the height and the girth of the trees are ascertained ?

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar : (*a*) No Thadivila is calculated in accordance with the directions contained in Rule 15 (i) of the Puduval Rules dated 19-4-1935.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Complaints with regard to the non-payment of Kudivila on the royal trees felled and removed by Government.

8. ***Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are complaints from the owners of lands registered under "Sri Pandaravaga" tenure or their assignees with regard to the non-payment of kudivila on the royal trees felled and removed by Government from such holdings ; and

(*b*) whether there are any outstanding claims to be settled ?

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